Dear Parents/Caregiver,

Many of our finest athletes last week represented our school proudly at the Zone Athletics Carnival held at Sydney Olympic Park. Our team performed magnificently and it was a real joy to see their excitement as they competed in track and some field events. Of note, we had a few stand out student performances who have qualified for the Western Sydney Regional Athletics Carnival:

- Max - 100m, 200m
- Brooke - Discus
- Natasha - 200m
- Yianni - 100m

A reminder that the rest of the zone field events will be held tomorrow and students will be accompanied by Mrs Elliott, Mrs Atkinson and Miss Smajlagic. Good luck to our field events team! Thank you also to Mrs Elliott and Miss Antoniolli who accompanied our track team.

Last night it was my great pleasure to attend the ‘Our Spectacular’ performance at the iconic Sydney Opera House. Our Choir and Performance Dance groups where amazing and thrilled the audience. I was very proud of these students as their performance and behaviour were exemplary. Congratulations to you all on making history and performing at the Opera House! Thank you to Miss Sayers, Miss Casey, Mrs Willis and Mrs Stroud for coordinating these performance groups.

On Tuesday 26 August, Mrs Stroud and her Kindergarten team presented information to parents and carers for the new 2015 Kindergarten enrolments. Their presentation saw over 60 parents attend and also included a visit to a Kindergarten room. Thank you to Mrs Stroud and the Kindergarten teachers for a very informative evening. A reminder that if you have children starting Kindergarten next year, an information and enrolment form can still be collected from the office. If you have friends who are considering our school, I’d encourage you to direct them to the office for further information. As you know, Ringrose Public School is a great place to be!

Today, the 2014 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) results and report for Years 3 and Years 5 students were sent home to parents/carers. The report gives parents an achievement scale showing their child’s results for each assessment area. School executive and teachers will be analysing this information as well as school based assessment data to set future targets and aspirations for the school. Should parents have any queries about results, please see your Stage Assistant Principal.

Today we also held our Father’s Day Stall which was a great success. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Fitzpatrick and the P&C for coordinating this event for our students and the gifts. I know there’ll be some very happy dads come Sunday when they unwrap their presents!
This morning, our Years 3-6 students attended a Rip and Water Safety Education presentation which was delivered by Surf Educators International. Did you know that South Western Sydney has been identified as a water safety black spot? This program is funded by the NSW State Government.

You may have noticed the amazing job our Gardening Club are doing in revitalising some of the gardens around the school. Recently, a galvanised raised garden bed was donated to the school by Wenty Florist and Nursery. A more detailed report appears in this newsletter. Well done to our magnificent gardeners and Miss Crowe!

Coming up this Friday, we have the Dad’s Breakfast Bonanza between 7am – 9am. A reminder that if you’re still to confirm your attendance can you please do so by Thursday so numbers for food preparation can be finalised. We will be serving the breakfast from the canteen. Halal sausages will also be available.

Next week, our Stage 3 students will be travelling to Canberra, Berridale and Thredbo as part of their excursion camp this year. Sites and museums to be visited include Parliament House, Old Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Questacon, the Electoral Educational Centre, the Kosciuszko Educational Centre and a stopover at Jindabyne. We’re even squeezing in a chairlift ride at Thredbo! Bring on the snow! I’m sure students will return with many exciting stories from their adventures!

On Monday 15 September, the school photographer will be taking our Whole School Photo. All students are reminded to wear their full school Winter Uniform. We have also been in discussions with the Photo Company about how we can order the Special Groups and Sport photos taken already. More information about this will come shortly.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our Parents and Citizen’s Association (P&C) who have been working tirelessly all year in many supportive endeavours. Of note has been their coordination for the upcoming School Fete next term on Saturday 18 October. Did you know that we raised $1400 in our Silver Coin donation drive? Amazing! This will mean we have an extra ride for our fete. Congratulations to 2C who were the winning class for the most amount brought in. These students will get a free lucky dip at the fete. Congratulations also to both Matthew and Anastasia who won the colouring in competition. Both Matthew and Anastasia will receive a free Showbag at the fete.

Two more dates for mufti day events for your diaries include:
- Crazy Clothes Day – Wednesday 17 September – Gold Coin Donation
- Crazy Hair Day – Wednesday 8 October – bottle donations for the fete bottle stall.

On another note, both KW and 5/6M will receive their winning ice-blocks for the Chocolate Drive in Week 10 - when it’s a bit warmer!

In Week 9 on Friday 12 September, our School Disco will again be held in the school hall. As usual, there will be two sessions (K-2 and Yrs. 3-6), our Dance2bFit DJ will lead the dancing and our canteen will have refreshments available. Please remember that when students are dropped off at the hall, parents must ensure that the attendance note is correctly filled out. This includes if another family member or friend are picking up your child! More details about this evening will go out on Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Loughhead
School Photographs 2014

Photo packages will arrive to the school very soon and will be handed out to students in their classes.

The whole school photo will be taken on Monday 15th of September, 2014 (Week 10). Please ensure students are in their full winter school uniform on the day.

- Mrs Marone

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School Swimming Scheme - Years 2-6

The School Swimming Scheme will run in Term 4 from **Tuesday 7 October to Friday 17 October (9 days)**. Please ensure your “expression of interest” forms and $20.00 deposit are returned to the School Office before **Friday 5 September** to avoid missing out. There are only 60 places available and they are filling up very quickly! Once places have been confirmed, the remaining payment of $65.00 must be returned to the School Office by **Tuesday 16 September**.

- Miss Sayers

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Stranger Danger

As you may be aware from media sources, there have been some reports received lately of incidents involving strangers approaching students in the local area. Please discuss with your child/ren procedures for travelling to and from school in a safe manner. Teachers will also discuss this with classes.

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Driveway Parking

Parents are reminded not to park their cars across driveways of surrounding homes before and after school. The Damien Avenue Carpark is also strictly out of bounds for parent/carer parking and pedestrian access. The District Office will lock the gates between the hours of 9.00am and 3.15pm. The Ringrose Public School Staff Carpark is also only for staff parking and OOSH parents before and after school hours. These gates are also locked between 9.00am and 3.15pm.
Ringrose Public School P&C Fete - White Elephant Stall

Ringrose’s School Fete will be held on Saturday 18 October. Donations for the White Elephant Stall can be left opposite the Uniform Shop. We would appreciate items such as books, toys, DVD’s and appliances that are in good, working condition. Please do not bring in clothing, furniture, broken items or McDonalds toys.

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KINDERGARTEN 2015

Enrolment forms for next year’s Kindergarten students can be picked up from the School Office any time. Please complete the form and return it with the original birth certificate, immunisation certificate (or blue book) and proof of address, which will be copied and returned to the parent.
Yesterday, Mrs Stroud, Mrs Willis, Miss Sayers and Miss Casey took the 2014 Our Spectacular Choir and Dance students to the Sydney Opera House for their performance. The theme was “Legends of Music”, and items had to reflect this theme in their performance. The Dance group’s “Thriller” performance was fantastic and the costumes, hair and makeup really lit up the stage. Jamal played a very believable Michael Jackson that had the crowd of 1500 very entertained! A special thankyou to the Dance Group’s choreographer Kim, who has been choreographing the routine throughout the year.

The Choir also had a great performance, and sang legends such as “Circle of Life”, “You’re the Voice”, “The Pink Panther” and “Brahms’ Lullaby”. The choir had been learning their lyrics at Choir Workshops all year. The organisers commended the students on the fabulous effort they put in last night. Well done 2014 Our Spectacular Choir and Dance groups! You truly are legends!

- Miss Casey
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 4 September
Zone Field Events Carnival - Buses leave at 9:30am

Friday 5 September
Dad’s Breakfast Bonanza

Friday 5 September
Father’s Day Stall - 8.30 - 9.00am next to the Uniform Shop

Friday 5 September
PSSA Semi Finals

Friday 5 September
Assembly - Yrs 3-6 @11:30 in the Hall

Monday 8 September
Stage 3 Camp - Depart 5:45am

Tuesday 9 September
Stage 3 Camp

Tuesday 9 September
Be Skilled Be Fit - Yrs K-2

Wednesday 10 September
Stage 3 Camp - Arriving 7:30pm

Friday 12 September
Assembly - Yrs K-2 @ 2pm in the Hall

Friday 12 September
School Dance Party

Monday 15 September
Whole School Photo @ 9am - Full Winter School Uniform

Tuesday 16 September
Be Skilled Be Fit - Yrs K-2

Wednesday 17 September
Crazy Clothes Day - Gold Coin donation

Friday 19 September
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

CERTIFICATE AWARDEES

Gold
Lillian 2/3S

Silver
Chloe KS Giancarlo 2/3S
Noah KS Aarav 2/3S
Cassie KS Trent 3/4A
Alana KS Alana 3/4A
Robert KS Luka 3/4A
Brodie K/1H Natasha 4/5C
Ansh K/1H Charlotte 4/5C
Vasili 1M Jordan 4/5C
Alexia 1M Andrew 4/5C
Amelia 1M Cihan 5/6E
Tarsha 1/O Paris 5/6E
Aurora 2C Mary 5/6E
Georgia 2C Elli 5/6E
Isabella 2C Christine 5/6E
Tia 2/3S Natasha 5/6E
Thank you to all Year 3 and 4 students who participated in the Winter Meal Deal. It was a huge success and I hope you all enjoyed your delicious meal.

Term 3 Donut Day will be held on the 17th of September this term. Look out for the order forms soon.

If your child is leaving school early and has placed a recess or lunch order, please notify the Canteen staff before 10.30am so they do not prepare the food. The Canteen number is 0411 143 609.

When ordering lunch on an envelope or using the lunch bags from the office please include 10 cents for the bag.

Please do not order Slushies or Ice Blocks when ordering your child's lunch. These items can be purchased at lunch time.

Finally, thank you to the new helpers who have volunteered to help out in canteen. We are still looking out for more helpers. If you are able to help please call me on 0411 143 609.

-Ann Brett

(Canteen Manager)

The helpers for weeks 9 & 10 of Term 3 are:

**Week 9** - Monday 8 September Martina Hulbert
Tuesday 9 September Martina Hulbert
Wednesday 10 September Anna Sebastiao
Thursday 11 September Cheryl Ryan
Friday 12 September Heather Nicholas

**Week 10** - Monday 15 September Amanda Taylor until 11:30
Tuesday 16 September Manda Dalchiranis until 11:30
Wednesday 17 September **Donut Day** - Anna Sebastiao
Thursday 18 September Jessica Viles
Friday 19 September Amanda Caine - Last day of school
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Ringrose Gardening Club are having a wonderful time planting and tidying up our school grounds.

Already you may have noticed our grasses planted in the Quiet Area and the Agapanthus and Succulents outside KS’s Classroom.

We are seeking donations of any plants to assist us. We are especially in need of Agapanthus to plant along the front fence of the school.

On behalf of Ringrose Gardening Club and the whole school community, I would like to thank Helena Koch from Wentworthville Florist and Nursery who generously donated a raised garden bed for our vegetables. We greatly appreciate their support of our school. The school is also purchasing another raised garden bed through them.

The Gardening Club get together every Thursday at Lunchtime with Miss Crowe to plant, weed and maintain our school playground.

Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left outside the 4/5C classroom.

Thanks in advance,

Miss Crowe and the Ringrose Gardening Club.
Parking safely near the school

Parking unsafely in School Zones can put children’s lives at risk.
Take care when in School Zones

Stopping in a ‘NO STOPPING’ area in a school zone compromises the
SAFETY of children
outside the school.

Minimum penalty - $298 and loss of 2 demerit points

You may use a ‘NO PARKING’ area in a School Zone
to drop off or pick up.
- you may only stop for a maximum of 2 minutes
- you must not move more than 3 metres away
  from your vehicle

Minimum penalty - $165 and loss of 2 demerit points

When you DOUBLE PARK in a School Zone, you
are putting
the SAFETY of children outside the school at risk.

Minimum penalty - $298 and loss of 2 demerit points

‘BUS ZONES’ are designated areas for buses, not
for cars.
You cannot stop or park in a
‘BUS ZONE’.

Minimum penalty - $298 and loss of 2 demerit points

✔ Drive SAFE ✔ Ride SAFE ✔ Walk SAFE
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U-Turn movements can be dangerous, especially in School Zones with increased pedestrian and traffic activity.

Due to their nature, children are:
- impulsive,
- less predictable and
- harder to see than adults.

Extra care should be taken when dropping off and picking up your child at school.

We must all be conscious of the need to make safety a priority by observing the road rules, especially in schools zones.

**The Law:**
You must **not** do a U-Turn on a road with

- a) a single unbroken dividing line,
- b) a single dividing line to the left of a broken dividing line, or
- c) with two parallel unbroken dividing lines

You must **not** begin a U-turn unless:

- a) the driver has a clear view of any approaching traffic, and
- b) the driver can safely make the U-turn without unreasonably obstructing the free movement of traffic.

**Penalties exceed $311 and 3 points**

For more information visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au
Or Contact Holroyd City Council’s Road Safety Officer on 9840 9880

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